

This Washington Post-ABC News poll was conducted by telephone Jan. 21-24, 2019, among a random national sample of 1,001 adults, with 65 percent reached on cell phones and 35 percent on landlines. Results have a 3.5 percentage point margin of sampling error for the full sample, including design effects due to weighting. Sampling, field work and data processing by Abt Associates of Rockville, Md.

(Full methodological details appended at the end.)

*= less than 0.5 percent

1. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
1/24/19	37	28	9	58	9	49	5
11/1/18	40	28	12	53	9	43	8
10/11/18	41	29	12	54	7	46	6
8/29/18	36	24	12	60	7	53	4
4/11/18	40	25	15	56	10	46	4
1/18/18	36	24	13	58	9	49	5
11/1/17	37	25	12	59	8	50	4
9/21/17	39	26	13	57	9	48	4
8/20/17	37	22	15	58	13	45	5
7/13/17	36	25	11	58	10	48	6
4/20/17	42	27	15	53	10	43	5

Questions 2-6 held for release.

7. As you may know, the federal government has been partially shut down because (Trump and the Republicans in Congress) and (Pelosi and the Democrats in Congress) cannot agree on laws about border security. Who do you think is mainly responsible for this situation - (Trump and the Republicans in Congress) or (Pelosi and the Democrats in Congress)?

	Trump and the Republicans in Congress	Pelosi and the Democrats in Congress	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
1/24/19	53	34	10	*	3

Compare to: As you may know, the federal government has been partially shut down because (Donald Trump and Republicans in Congress) and (Democrats in Congress) cannot agree on laws about border security. Who do you think is mainly responsible for this situation - (Trump and Republicans in Congress) or (Democrats in Congress)?

	Trump and Republicans in Congress	Democrats in Congress	Both equally (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
1/11/19	53	29	13	2	4

8. Have you personally been inconvenienced by the partial shutdown of the federal government, or not? (IF YES) Has it been a major inconvenience or a minor inconvenience?

	---- Yes, inconvenienced ----				No	No opinion
	NET	Major	Minor	No op.		
1/24/19	22	10	12	0	78	*
1/11/19	18	7	10	1	82	1
10/20/13*	22	11	11	0	78	*
1/7/96*	12	4	8	NA	88	*
1/3/96	12	5	6		88	1

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*Phrased in past tense

9. Do you approve or disapprove of the way [ITEM] is handling efforts to end the partial shutdown of the federal government? Do you approve/disapprove strongly or somewhat?

1/24/19 - Summary Table

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
a. Trump	34	24	10	60	11	49	6
b. Pelosi	36	17	19	54	16	38	10

On another topic...

10. Do you support or oppose building a wall along the U.S. border with Mexico? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

	----- Support -----			----- Oppose -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
1/24/19	42	32	10	54	10	44	4
1/11/19	42	29	13	54	15	38	4
1/18/18	34	25	9	63	11	52	3
9/21/17	37	27	10	62	9	53	1
1/15/17	37	25	12	60	13	47	3
9/8/16*	34	24	10	63	11	52	3

*Do you support or oppose building a wall across the entire U.S. border with Mexico? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

11. Who do you trust more to handle the issue of [ITEM], (Trump and the Republicans in Congress) or (Pelosi and the Democrats in Congress)?

1/24/19 - Summary Table

	Trump and Republicans	Pelosi and Democrats	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
a. border security	40	42	1	13	3
b. illegal immigration	42	47	1	8	2

* half sample asked item a; other half asked item b

Compare to:

Which political party the (Democrats) or the (Republicans) do you trust to do a better job handling border security?

	Democrats	Republicans	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
11/1/18 RV	39	49	2	6	4

12. Do you think the United States is currently doing (too little), (too much) or about the right amount to keep undocumented immigrants from coming into this country?

	Too little	Too much	Right amount	No opinion
1/24/19	54	16	24	6

Questions 13-22 held for release.

Party ID. Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as (a Democrat), (a Republican), an independent or what?

	Democrat	Republican	Independent	Other (vol.)	No opinion
1/24/19	32	24	37	4	3
11/1/18	32	25	35	4	4
10/11/18	33	26	35	4	2
8/29/18	33	25	37	3	3
4/11/18	32	25	35	5	3
1/18/18	31	23	40	4	2

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METHODOLOGICAL DETAILS

This poll was jointly sponsored and funded by The Washington Post and ABC News. The poll is a random sample of adults in the United States, with interviews in English and Spanish.

This questionnaire was administered with the exact questions in the exact order as they appear in this document. Demographic questions are not shown. If a question was asked of a reduced base of the sample, a parenthetical preceding the question identifies the group asked. Phrases surrounded by parentheses within questions indicate clauses that were randomly rotated for respondents.

A dual frame landline and cell phone telephone sample was generated using Random Digit Dialing procedures by Survey Sampling International (SSI). Interviewers called landlines and cellular phone numbers, first requesting to speak with the youngest adult male or female at home. The final sample included 351 interviews completed on landlines and 650 interviews completed via cellular phones, including 432 interviews with adults in cell phone-only households.

This survey uses statistical weighting procedures to account for deviations in the survey sample from known population characteristics, which helps correct for differential survey participation and random variation in samples. The overall adult sample is weighted to correct for differential probabilities of selection among individuals who are landline-only, cell phone-only or dual users. Results are also weighted match the demographic makeup of the population by sex, region, age, education and race/ethnicity according to the latest Current Population Survey Social and Economic Supplement. The sample is also weighted to match the average of party identification in the previous two waves of Post-ABC national polls and this current survey.

All error margins have been adjusted to account for the survey's design effect, which is 1.4 for this survey. The design effect is a factor representing the survey's deviation from a simple random sample and takes into account decreases in precision due to sample design and weighting procedures. Surveys that do not incorporate a design effect overstate their precision.

Group	Unweighted sample size	Error margin
All adults	1,001	+/- 3.5 points
Half samples	477-524	5-5.5

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